

# Great Plains Bank Makes Gift to SWOSU Bulldog Angels Fund

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Great Plains Bank has made a generous contribution to the Southwestern Oklahoma State University Bulldog Angels Fund in Weatherford.

The Bulldog Angels Fund was established by 2014 SWOSU Distinguished Alumnus and Carnegie native Bill Howell to benefit SWOSU students in times of crisis.

Garrett King, executive director of the SWOSU Foundation, said the Bulldog Angels Fund is a vital resource when all other options for assistance are exhausted or unavailable. The Bulldog Angels Fund may mean the difference in a student being able to continue learning at SWOSU or having to leave the campus due to external financial pressures.

Great Plains Bank began in 1907, the year of Oklahoma statehood, when SWOSU was only six years old. The bank's mission is to exceed its customers' expectations by delivering superior customer service. Great Plains Bank has branches in Hollis, Mid-Town Oklahoma City, Sayre, Elk City, Mangum, Granite, Cordell, Burns Flat, Hobart, Piedmont, Tuttle, Woodward and Taloga.

"SWOSU is a stronger institution because of generous partners like Great Plains Bank," said SWOSU President Dr. Randy L. Beutler. "Our entire student body will benefit from this most thoughtful gift."

Great Plains Bank's gift is helping to build a \$100,000 endowment to perpetuate the Bulldog Angels grants into the future. Their generosity will be memorialized on a Bulldog Angels monument that is coming soon to the SWOSU campus in Weatherford.

Since its founding, the Bulldog Angels Fund has steadily made grants enabling struggling SWOSU students to move forward. Student organizations and groups on the SWOSU campus have enthusiastically made the Bulldog Angels Fund a priority for fundraising and advocacy.

The Bulldog Angels Fund is stewarded by the SWOSU Foundation, Inc. The Foundation was established in 1977 to promote philanthropy and distribute funds to support the activities and programs of SWOSU. Located on the Weatherford campus in the historic Burton House, the Foundation currently stewards over \$20 million in assets for the benefit of SWOSU. For information on how to give to the Bulldog Angels Fund, please contact the SWOSU Foundation at 580-774-3267 or visit [www.SWOSUFoundation.com](http://www.SWOSUFoundation.com).